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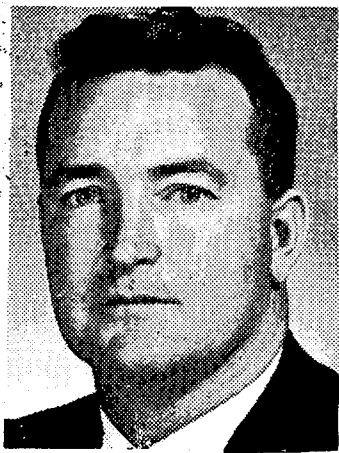


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## STREET FAIR

HELD IN HOLLY PARK AUGUST 30<sup>TH</sup>





## IN MEMORIUM

### HOWARD MCKENZIE

On January 16, 1970, Howard A. McKenzie, age 40, died tragically in an auto accident. He was a native of Bernal Heights and in 1965 he served as President of the Bernal Heights Association, and as such he gave a strong sense of direction to the Association.

He was just 15 when he enlisted in the Navy during the second world war. While in the Navy he served as flight engineer on an aircraft carrier in the Pacific Theatre of war.

He had attended Mission High School and upon his return he attended San Francisco City College. At one time he fought in Golden Glove tournaments as a lightweight. Twice he ran on the Democratic ticket for a seat in the Assembly from the 20th District.

After long years of struggling he became President of the Bricklayers' Union and was one of Northern California's outstanding Labor Leaders. He was one of the founders of the Bricklayers' Pension & Welfare Plan. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Builders Exchange, Delegate of Building Trades Council, Member of Advisory Board of Masonry Industry of SF, and was Building Consultant to Spanish Speaking Citizens Foundation.

Prior to his death, he was deeply involved with a proposal to construct needed low and medium priced housing in the Mission District, with use of a precedent-setting apprenticeship training program for the district's minority youth. He was in the midst of consulting with Presidents of other Unions, as well as traveling to Washington, D.C. pleading the cause.

M. Justin Herman, Executive Director of Redevelopment Agency, issued this statement on Howard: "Mr. McKenzie's death is mourned by thousands and well it should be for it is particularly untimely for the people of the Mission District...."

He is survived by his widow, Denise, who indicates she will carry on the fight of her late husband, a son Malcolm, 12, a daughter Gayle, 10, his mother Catherine McKenzie and five brothers.

Bernal Heights will never be the same and Mr. McKenzie's death leaves a void that can never be refilled in his inimitable way.



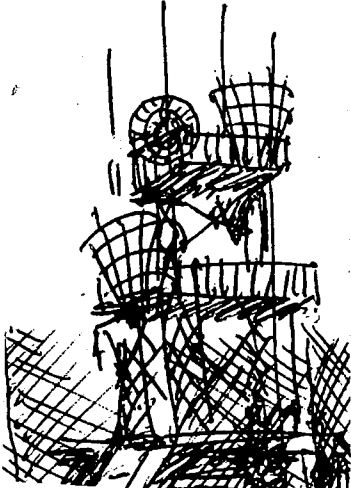
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*The Eyesore on  
Nanny Goat Hill*

PT&T remains unresponsive! They have failed for almost a decade to live up to their original promise to landscape! Concerned residents of Bernal must act!! Nothing short of total removal of the electronic installation will realize the aesthetic imperatives of the situation. This is not an exhortation to nefarious action on the part of our readership; contrariwise, ipso facto. Just let the thing be done!

*Amelia Nunez*  
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## IN MEMORIUM

### JERRY COLLINS

Death is always the same yet each man meets it differently and on May 12, Jerald D. Collins, age 43, perished in a fire at his home. A short while prior to his death he had arrived home from an adventurous vacation in the Middle East where he visited friends.

Jerry was born at Fort Worth, Texas and attended Pasadena City College, University of California and the University of San Francisco, where he earned his AA, BA degrees and until his tragic death he worked as a Bio-Chemist at the University of California Hospital, where he remained on call removing eyes and preserving them in the Bank because this meant sight to one more person.

He came to Bernal Heights with a heart full of love and it was said of him 'he gave this love to each one he met.' We are grateful, but alas too late, to Jerry who was solely responsible for the outstanding entertainment we all enjoyed at all 6 Street Fairs the Association sponsored. He was totally dedicated to getting the best available and was instrumental in the success of these Fairs.

He worked with Bernal Action for Progress (a development of EOC) as Member of Board of Directors and as its President. He donated a great deal of his time working with the youth, and whenever a call went out for the tree-planting expedition he was always there working willingly. San Francisco and especially Bernal Heights was again robbed of another energetic man who will be missed for many years to come. We resent his passing.

Jerry is survived by his mother, Eva Chism, of Pasadena, California.

## CRIME IN THE HEIGHTS

There is an unconscionable and faceless creature roaming through Bernal Heights, invading the home in the absence of the occupants. The uninvited usually pries a shaky window loose or cuts a screen, but more than likely he picks the lock.

This creature is known as a Burglar. He wreaks havoc where and whenever he strikes. He has an affinity for Color Televisions and appears fascinated by expensive cameras and Stereophonic sets. He invaded one home, stole a Stereo set and came back a week later to "borrow" the records to complement the set.

If you live in Bernal Heights and have been a victim or if you wish not to be the next victim, please come to the Bernal Heights Association meeting on October 7th at 8:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Precita Center, where an officer from Ingle-side Station who is familiar with this area will be present to advise us. BRING YOUR NEIGHBORS because we need the support of all.

## Bernal Heights Fair

**Chairman:** Cora Cruz  
Douglas Comstock  
George Johnson  
Ralph Larsen

and many, many more!





From the President -  
Some of the things that make Bernal Heights a good place to live are obvious: fine weather, expansive views, interesting streets. But we have something more valuable - good neighbors! Bernal people bring to their neighborhood the richness of all the backgrounds that have built this city, a sense of community that binds them together in times of personal trouble or neighborhood challenge, and a sense of pride that speaks out loud and clear. With all this going for us there is little that Bernal Heights can't do if its people work together. We'll be looking for you....  
Mimi Mueller

## BERNAL HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION

Since its formation in 1963, the Bernal Heights Association has been involved in a wide variety of activities aimed at maintaining and improving the quality of life in this neighborhood. In the past year, the Bernal Heights Plan for physical improvements to the neighborhood, developed by residents of Bernal Heights over a period of several years, won the approval of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. Federally Assisted Code Enforcement (FACE) will bring some of these improvements to the west side of Bernal Heights in the near future. BHA spurred repairs and painting of the Recreation Center at Bernal Playground by sponsoring a meeting with Park and Rec General Manager Joseph Caverly at which many neighborhood groups expressed their dissatisfaction with service to this area. Subsequent meetings with Mr. Caverly and his staff have improved communications with this department. BHA members supplied hot dogs, cake, and circus tickets for Percy Dillon's "100's" basketball team when they won the city championship for Bernal Playground.

This summer, BHA members worked with the Cortland Progressives to help them set up a drug education program for Bernal Heights youngsters, helped the Visual Arts program run by neighborhood volunteers at Junipero Serra School by paying their phone bill, and with Precita Center, is co-sponsor of an international work camp based at the Center and working in the neighborhood. You will see these young people from many countries helping with take-down and clean-up after the Bernal Heights Fair in Holly Park.

In previous years, the association has organized the planting of hundreds of street trees, dealt with hundreds of problems of zoning, street repair, traffic, etc., headed a massive clean-up campaign, and sponsored six annual neighborhood fairs.

The Bernal Heights Association has no paid staff, no federal grants, no ladies and gentlemen of leisure who can devote their full time to attending city hall hearings, typing newsletter stencils, circulating petitions, and so on. All the officers and committee chairmen work, and can give BHA only their spare time. For this reason, BHA cannot promise to do anything FOR you if you join, but can only offer to work WITH you to help find solutions to neighborhood problems--and to help keep up your strength with gourmet feasts at at our potluck suppers.

BHA September meeting:

What are the City's plans for

### HOUSING ON THE HILL?

The City Planning Department's "Plan for Residence" calls for 570 units of low- to moderate income housing on Bernal Heights, including 500 units over the Farmer's Market! Learn the details from Allan Jacobs (head of City Planning) and speak out at our next meeting, on

Wednesday, September 2nd 8:00 P.M.  
Bernal Gym - Jarboe and Moultrie Streets



BHA October meeting:

Besides regular business, we are planning to discuss BURGLARY on our hill. If you are concerned about this problem and want to do something about it, come and bring your ideas.

Wednesday, October 7th 7:30 P.M.  
Precita Center - 534 Precita Avenue

The BERNAL HEIGHTS ASSOCIATION meets the first Wednesday of each month, on alternate sides of the hill. See the Library for the exact place. All meetings are open to everyone.

Membership is open to all who live, work, rent, or own property in Bernal Heights, regardless of race, creed, nationality, or age. Dues are \$2.00 per year. If you wish to sample the Association before you join, send in the form below without the money and you will be sent the monthly Newsletter for three months.

Mail this form to our Treasurer:  
George Johnson  
1634 York Street  
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- ☐ Please enroll me as a member of the Bernal Heights Assn. I enclose my dues of \$1 per person at the special mid-year rate.
- ☐ Please send me the Newsletter, FREE, for three months so I can find out more about the Association.

I am interested in \_\_\_\_\_

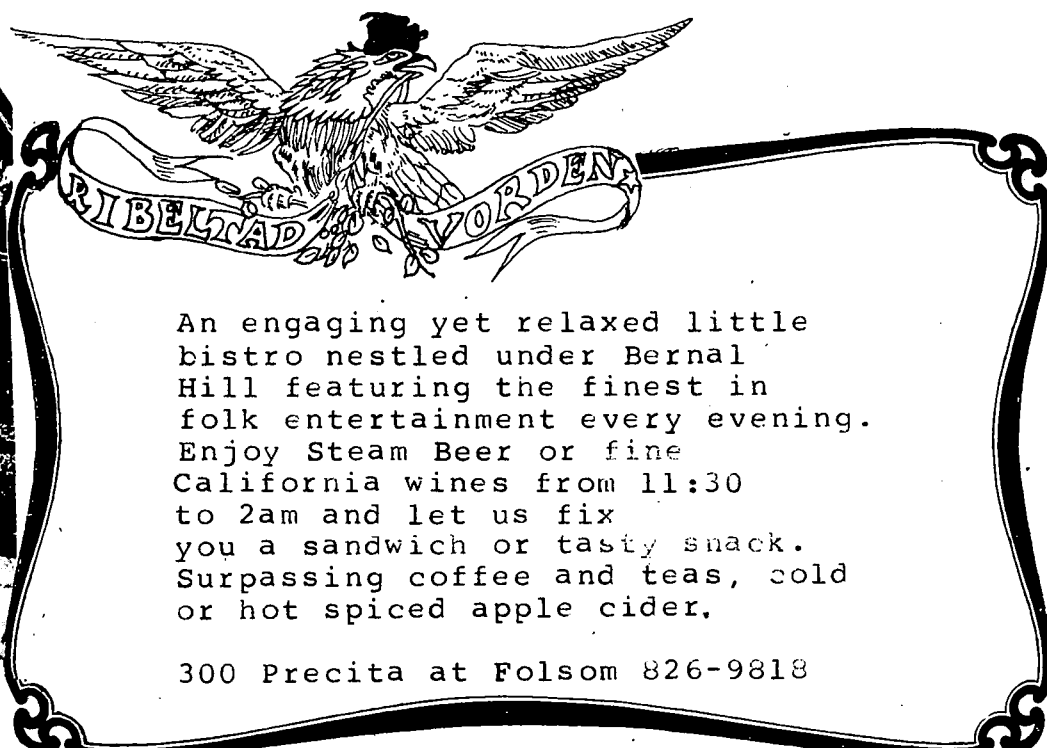
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## VISUAL ARTS CENTER SEEKS PERMANENT QUARTERS

Do you know about The Bernal Heights Visual Arts Center? We're at The Junipero Serra Elementary School this summer getting into the mix of paint, paper mache, ceramics, sewing, typing, leather, weaving and wax casting with more than 250 pre-school, elementary school and high school people. It's been an unusual summer for the normally quiet classrooms on Holly Park and, with some help, we will be able to continue the Center's work at a much better sight, the city owned house by the reservoir at 336 Elsie.

This is our second year of activity and the need and demand for the Visual Arts Center has been more than proven. Volunteer teachers have been of exceptional quality, like Mrs. Roberta Uchiyama, who teaches ceramics and Barry Zolotar who teaches typing both of The Teachers' Corps, and Glenn Miller, on the staff of the College of Marin, who teaches wax casting. But right now we need community support in the forms of money, labor and materials so we can establish a permanent home for the Center.

The City has given the Center permission to use the house at 336 Elsie as its home, providing we fix it up to meet present day construction standards. Otherwise the house, a beautiful 10 room structure built in 1871 by a carpenter for his wife and 10 children, will be torn down. The Center's director, Kenneth Wright, is seeking funds and building materials including toilet bowls, window glass, cement, paint and heating equipment, in order to renovate the house and save it. Anyone wishing to make a donation should call him at 648-7430.

Volunteers have been the backbone of the Center, and here we should mention Florence Blanchard in painting, Jean Willenbrock, a math teacher from James Denman Jr. High, Kathy Beckman in the sewing room, Janice Fournier, Heath Schenker, and the summer program's two directors, Nedra Confer and Marcella Wright. Supplies have been mostly donated and in mid-July the San Francisco Mime Troup came to the school with a free performance of Androcles and the Lion and Little Black Panther. It is in this spirit that we have grown, and with your help we can save a beautiful building and give the Bernal Heights Visual Arts Center a permanent home.



## Sufi's On Precita Park

The radiant young men and women seen dancing in Precita Park on weekends are disciples and students of Samuel L. Lewis (Sufi Ahmed Murad Chisti) of 410 Precita.

The dances are part of what "Sufi Sam" calls "Dances of Universal Peace." In these, the participants sing and chant sacred phrases of all the world's great religions.

Mr. Lewis has just returned from

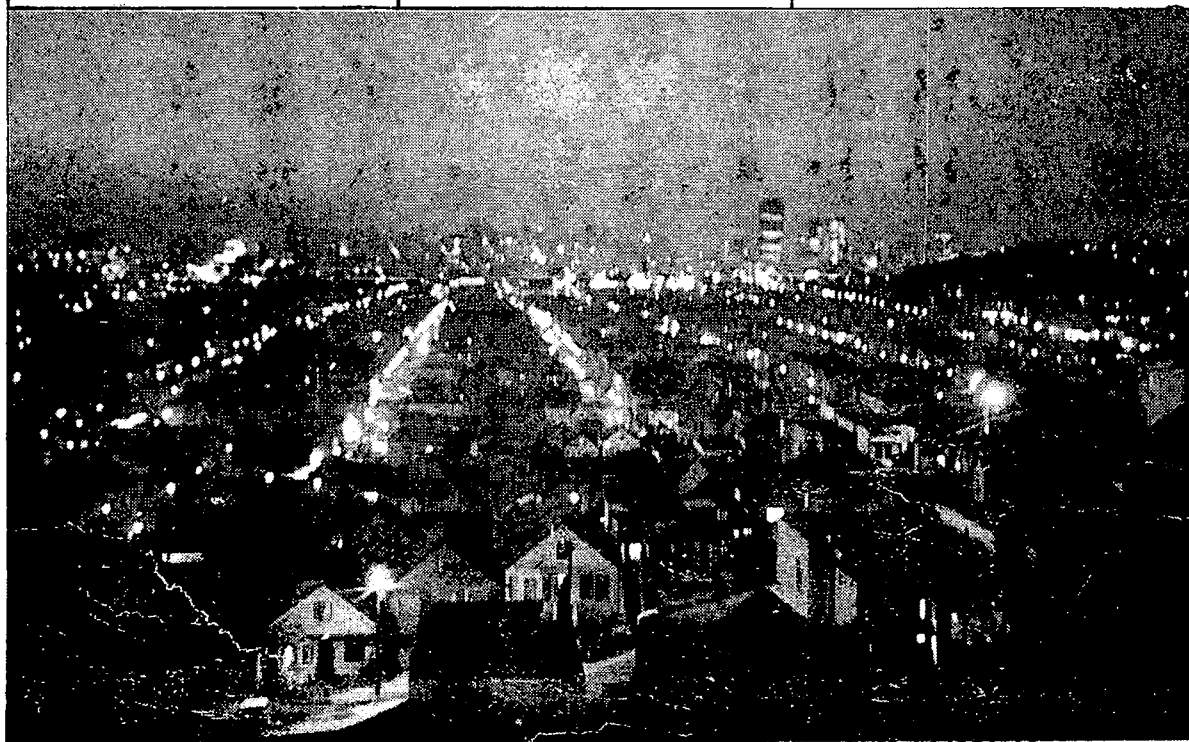
Geneva, Switzerland, where he attended a world conference of leaders of the religions of the world. This conference was sponsored by THE TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING whose headquarters is in Washington, D.C. This conference was dedicated to the theme of realizing world peace thru religion.

When the people of the world begin to

find their unity in the Supreme, whose nature is compassion and mercy, suspicions

and hatred can fade away. The dances are an attempt to remind us all of our common source.

In addition to the dance classes on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, "Sufi Sam" has classes open to the public on Sunday and Monday



# A Tradition of Community Service

## PRECITA CENTER ENTERS 48th YEAR IN BERNAL HEIGHTS

In one form or another, Precita Center has provided services to the Bernal Heights area for nearly fifty years. Built by the neighborhood and operated by neighbors with the aid of the United Crusade, it has always been oriented to meeting community needs. More recently services have been extended to the broad area of Bernal Heights, mainly to assist and encourage meeting local needs. In addition to the children's services at the 534 Precita Avenue building, activities have recently been extended to the broad area of Bernal Heights. Precita staff is trying to assist and encourage the development of action committees or self-help volunteer projects. This work is carried out with one full-time staff person (the director) and a handful of neighborhood volunteers, college students, conscientious objectors, and youth. Increasingly, the direction of policy and day-to-day management of the program is falling to residents of the neighborhood, and more exactly to those receiving services from the Center. These neighbors are also encouraged to participate on the Board of Directors of the parent agency, Mission Neighborhood Centers, at 2586 Mission Street.

Successful events over the year have been rummage sale fund raisings for the purchase of play equipment and repair of the fence. The Holly Courts tenants raised money for their girls club, summer youth program, and senior citizens activities.

If funding could be found for more than one regular staff person, many more services could be started--services to youth, to the elderly, programs with greater depth in art and music, etc. The United Crusade is currently in the midst of a study which will have a direct effect on this question, and some preliminary reports will probably be concluded in a few weeks.

## Have Machine, Need Teacher

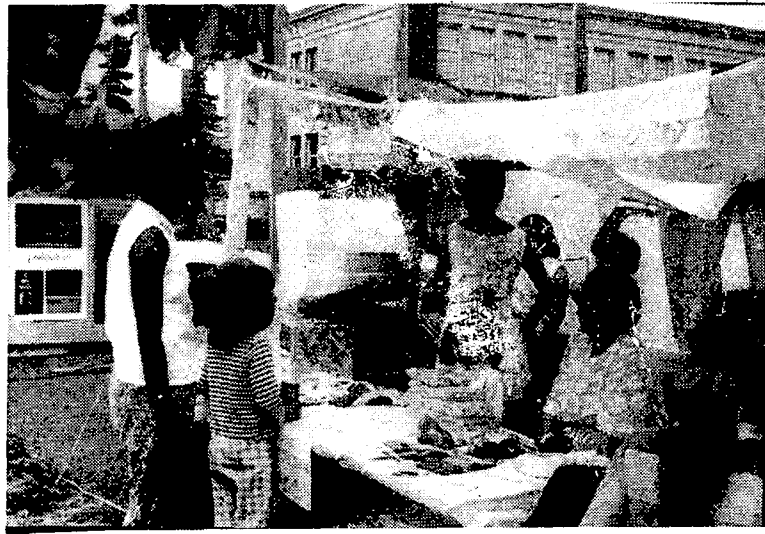
The Bernal Heights Ladies Club would like to add sewing to their activities if they can find a volunteer teacher to come to their well-equipped (and heated!) meeting room in the Library base sometime between 10:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. every Tuesday. All groups who use the basement of the Bernal Branch Library should be aware that it was Ladies Club President Jodie Satava's well-timed remark, and Librarian Joe Sugg's follow-up, that got us that new heater.

## Neighborhood Clinic ?

The Bernal Heights Health Committee was formed in early January 1970 to help representatives of S.F. General Hospital's Outpatient Department formulate a proposal to set up a satellite clinic in Bernal Heights. If such a clinic should be funded, it is hoped it will offer comprehensive health care to the neighborhood, with back-up services being provided by health facilities already existing in nearby areas. Included in discussions has been the Community Mental Health Team of Public Health District #3, who may be allied with the clinic.

This committee originally consisted of 10 members with Mrs. Joan Knox serving as chairman, and with an advisory board of 8 health professionals. The committee met on Aug. 6, 1970, to discuss with other community groups the feasibility of such a clinic and the expansion of the present committee to include more community organizations. The Cortland Progressives, Cortland Latin Youth Organization, and the Bernal Heights Association sent representatives.

The B.H. Health Committee will have a first aid booth at the Fair where further information on the proposed satellite clinic will be available.



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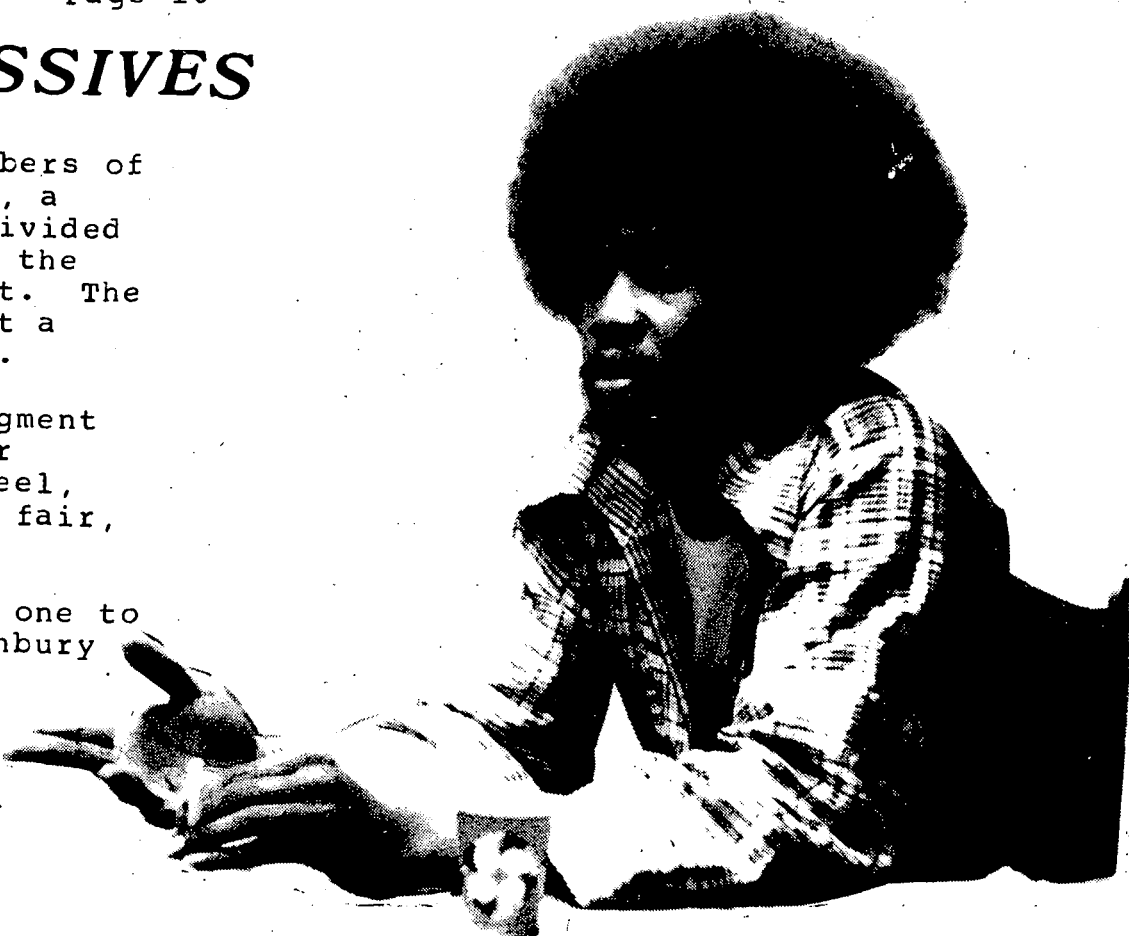
The Cortland Progressives are members of the Y.O.U. (Youth Organizations United, a national youth organization) and are divided into three groups: the older segment, the younger segment, and the junior segment. The Cortland Progressives are trying to get a building for the Cortland Progressives.

The younger segment and junior segment are now working on drugs. We have four groups that are working on: a drug wheel, new pamphlet on drugs, a booth for the fair, and a newspaper.

The drug class went on two trips, one to Reality House and one to the Haight Ashbury Medical Clinic.

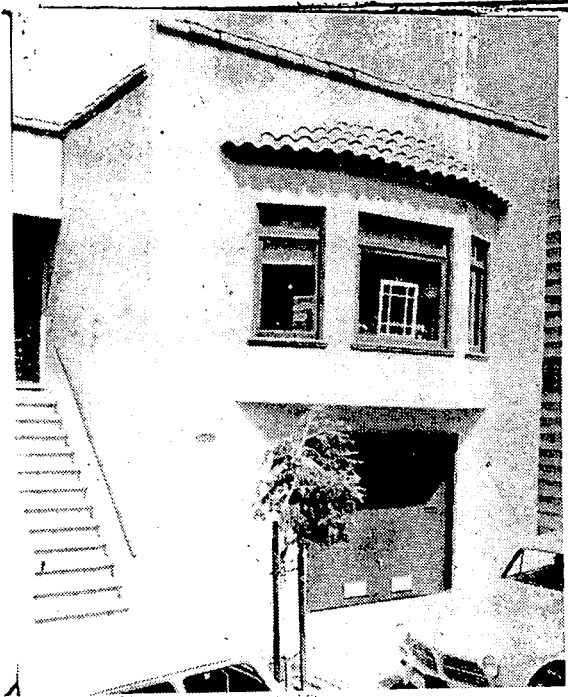
For other information, contact:

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## Are you facing FACE ?

Problems? Questions? Several have been raised in connection with FACE, the Federal Assistance in Code Enforcement program now in progress on the west side of Bernal hill.

Would you like to discuss any FACE problems you might have with some of your neighbors who are on the Citizens' Advisory Committee for FACE? Come to the regular meetings of the Committee, 8:00 PM on the fourth Wednesday of each month, at the FACE office, 3020 Mission (at Army St.).

*the  
choice is yours!*



**Dr. Max Rafferty**



**Mr. Wilson Riles**

## Experience in California Schools

Doctorate (Ed. D.) School Administration Earned at University of Southern Calif.	(none)
'40-'48 Teacher, Vice Principal and Athletic Director, Trona Unified School Dist.	(none)
'48-'51 Principal, Big Bear Senior High Sch.	(none)
'51-'55 District Superintendent of Saticoy Elementary School District	(none)
'55-'61 District Superintendent of Needles Elementary and High School Districts	(none)
'61-'62 Superintendent of La Canada Schools	(none)
'63- Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of California (Elected 1962 and 1966)	(never elected to public office)
'62-'68 Published works	
(1962) "Suffer, Little Children"	
(1964) "What They Are Doing to Your Children"	
"The Dr. Max Rafferty Column"	
(1968) "Max Rafferty on Education"	(never published professionally)



# BURTON

## ON THE JOB FOR BERNAL HEIGHTS

IN WASHINGTON-CONGRESSMAN PHIL BURTON

IN SACRAMENTO-ASSEMBLYMAN JOHN BURTON

The Bernal Heights Association is slowly, but surely, gathering and testing recipes for our someday cookbook--here is the 1970 installment. We need more recipes from all nationalities and backgrounds, so please send your Chinese, Soul Food, Philipino, Samoan, etc., recipes to BHA c/c Nancy Schimmel, 40 Prentiss Street, or leave them at the BHA booth at the fair.

### PUMPKIN SOUP

Walter Curtis picked up this tasty recipe in Jamaica and adjusted it to American convenience foods. Taste-tested by the BHA membership committee.

Add 1 chicken bouillon cube to 2 cups hot water. Stir in 1 can cream of chicken soup, a dash of onion powder or onion salt, 1 to 3 teaspoons of curry (3 is HOT HOT!). Stir constantly. Add 1 and 1/2 cups canned pumpkin. When hot, thin with water or milk if needed, then serve

### FEIJOADA (Brazilian black beans)

As served at a Bernal Heights Association potluck by Nancy Schimmel.

Soak 2 pounds black beans overnight. The following morning, drain and cover with fresh water (with about 1 inch extra water). To this add 1 tablespoon salt, 5 or 6 pieces of hot sausage (each piece being about an inch and a half in length), a chunk of bacon, 1/2 cup chipped beef and 2 crushed bay leaves. Cook over medium fire until beans are tender, stirring occasionally. In a smaller pan, pour a tablespoon of bacon drippings and heat. Add finely chopped parsley, 1/3 of an onion, minced, a diced tomato, and 2 mashed garlic buds. Brown well. Stir in 1 cup of drained beans that have been mashed, then stir this mixture back into the remaining beans. Serve hot with salad and rice. Feeds a multitude--at least ten. Good warmed over.

Note: black beans and hot sausage (chorizo) can be found at grocery stores along 24th Street. If you haven't used chorizo before, don't be surprised at its squishiness. It usually cooks apart and flavors the beans all through.



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